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1. Appeal Brief Transmittal for Application No. 09/903,500 (F-278) (1 page)
2. Appeal Brief for Application No. 09/903,500 (F-278) (17 pages).
3. Copy of Prior Board Decision, Appeal No. 2003-2167, dated July 14, 2004 (11 pages).

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I. Real Party In Interest:

Pitney Bowes Inc., a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business in Stamford, Connecticut, is the real party in interest by way of assignment from the applicants.

II. Related Appeals And Interferences:

This application was the subject of a previous appeal, for which a previous appeal decision was made on July 14, 2004. A copy of this eleven page opinion is attached as Exhibit B. Rather than further appeal the Board's decision to affirm the rejections, Appellant opted to file an RCE to make clarifications to eliminate issues highlighted by the Board's choice of representative claim.

Some related issues were under appeal in application 09/289,901 titled ROUTER INSTRUCTION PROCESSOR FOR A DIGITAL DOCUMENT DELIVERY SYSTEM (Attorney Docket E-817), now issued as U.S. Patent 6,829,591 on December 7, 2004.

III. Status Of The Claims:

- (1) Claims 12 and 14-36 are the subject of this Appeal, and stand rejected.
- (2) Appellants hereby appeal the rejection of claims 12 and 14-36.

IV. Status Of The Amendments:

- (1) The present application is based on an RCE filed on September 10, 2004 with amendments. This RCE and amendment were filed subsequent to a negative decision before the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences. The amendments were made to more clearly include the disputed features in the representative claims. This application